Statement

State/UT-wise funds disbursed by KVIC for Research and Development activities in the Khadi and Village Industries sector during 2001-02, 2002-03 *and* 2003-04

(Rs. lakh)

Sl. No.	State/UT	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Delhi	2.50	39.35	11.82
2.	Himachal Pradesh	—	—	2.00
3.	Punjab	—	—	1.65
4.	Rajasthan	45.67	9.97	—
5.	Bihar	—	8.25	—
6.	Orissa	—	9.83	—
7.	West Bengal	10.67	17.00	6.51
8.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	5.00	6.39
9.	Assam	—	12.14	—
10.	Manipur	—	0.81	—
11.	Andhra Pradesh	—	10.31	—
12.	Karnataka	1.25	11.32	42.23
13.	Kerala	—	19.40	4.15
14.	Tamil Nadu	—	0.36	—
15.	Goa	3.84	—	—
16.	Gujarat	19.41	5.37	—
17.	Maharashtra	513.10	344.59	497.79
18.	Madhya Pradesh	0.97	—	2.50
19.	Uttaranchal	—	0.62	—
20.	Uttar Pradesh	1.10	20.50	6.98
	TOTAL:	598.51	514.82	582.00

Development of coir industries

2216. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coir Board has asked for Centre's help for development of this sector on the lines of Bamboo industry;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this industry has immense potential in the international market; and

(c) if so, the details of the action plan of Government to develop this industry to generate additional employment and improve the economy of this sector?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The export of coir and coir products has also been growing.

(c) The following programmes/schemes are being implemented with a view to generating additional employment and improving the economy of this sector:

(i) Training of women artisans spinning under the "Mahila Coir Yojana", which also provides subsidy of 75 per cent of the cost for purchase of ratts.

(ii) Financial assistance for development of production infrastructure and setting up new coir units at the rate of 25 per cent of the cost of machinery, subject to maximum of Rs. 1.5 lakh.

(iii) Entrepreneur Development Programme and Quality Improvement Programme to promote enterprise and instill quality consciousness respectively.

(iv) Intensification of research and development efforts for introducing new technologies for extraction and processing of coir fibre, development of machinery, product diversification, introduction of new products, etc.

(v) Efforts for promoting domestic market for coir through publicity measures, providing Market Development Assistance to units in the co-operative and public sector, participation in trade fairs and exhibitions, maintenance of Coir Board Showrooms and Sales Depots to supply quality products at standardized prices.

(vi) Financial assistance to exporters for participation in international trade fairs and exhibitions abroad, products promotion programmes, catalogue shows, etc.

(vii) Providing trade information service to the industry, including exporters.